

Neighbourhood Profile

Cambridge City North – November 2020



Wards: Arbury, East Chesterton, King's Hedges and West Chesterton

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1. Introduction

Aim

The aim of the Neighbourhood profile update is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify on-going and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future areas of concern and activity in order to facilitate effective policing and partnership working in the area.

The document should be used to inform multi-agency neighbourhood panel meetings and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues can be identified, effectively prioritised and partnership problem solving activity undertaken.

Methodology

This document was produced using data received from the following sources:

- The Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team for the area;
- The City Council's Community Safety Team;
- The general public, via online and telephone crime and intelligence reporting; and
- Consultation with elected Ward and County members.

2. Current Areas of Concern

At the North Area Committee meeting of 3 September 2020, the committee recommended addressing the following local areas of concern:

- ASB and dangerous driving on Fen Road and the High Street and NO2 canisters;
- Street based drug dealing; and
- Youth and knife crime.

Lead officers and actions to be taken were agreed following the committee meeting. The work undertaken and current situation is detailed below.

ASB and dangerous driving on Fen Road and the High Street and NO2 canisters;

Objective: To tackle criminal and antisocial driving along Fen Road and Water Street and build public confidence.

Action Taken: This remains a priority for the North Team and has been since 2018. Initially a priority in and around Fen Road only, work on this has resulted in the formation of Operation STAPLE. This operation focuses on criminal and ASB related road offences and, whilst focusing on East Chesterton, is being rolled out across the North of Cambridge where issues are identified. Since September, as a result of these dedicated patrols, seven vehicles have been stopped, with one being seized and one Traffic Offence Report. Two s59 Warnings have been issued for antisocial behaviour and one Community Protection Notice Warning has been issued. In addition, five Stop and Search procedures have been carried out. Issues caused by traffic on Moss Bank have been reduced, with

the introduction of suitable restrictions in the form of bollards to prevent access, and this has seen a drop in the number of calls reporting vehicle based ASB in this area.

Current Situation: Dedicated patrols remain part of our key role and these will continue through the Coronavirus pandemic.

Lead Officer: PS 669 Shawn EMMS, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Street based drug dealing

Objective: To target local and county lines drug dealing.

Action Taken: The North Team actioned five warrants in October, arresting one male, with a female assisting with enquiries. The investigations are ongoing, but it is hoped charges will be secured against the male for Concerned in the Supply of Drugs and fraud offences. Continued Partnership work with housing providers allows us to assist with the eviction of tenants who have allowed or taken part in drug dealing. Members of the community assist us greatly by highlighting who they are concerned about through the formal reporting channels, or when they see us out and about.

Current Situation: We continue to formally engage with 'at risk' individuals who are unable to stand up to those involved in the drugs trade and find themselves unwillingly housing drug dealers in their own homes.

Lead Officer: PS 669 Shawn EMMS, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Youth and knife crime

Objective: To combat youth and knife crime, reducing overall harm caused.

Action Taken: Coronavirus continues to impact negatively on the work we do within schools, preventing the focussed work with key 'at risk' individuals, however successful 'virtual' presentations have been given around Operation SCEPTRE, which is a national initiative to dissuade young people from carrying knives.

Current Situation: As with street-based drug dealing, tackling all forms of violence, including knife and youth crime, is both a force priority and a core function of what we do. Youth and knife crime continues to be a focus for Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Lead Officer: PS 669 Shawn EMMS, Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

3. *Proactive Work and Emerging Issues*

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

None to report, in writing, at this time.

Cambridge City Council

The Community Safety Team (CST) continues to take proactive action where there are reports of ASB or nuisance behaviour, and works in close partnership with other agencies,

such as housing providers and the police neighbourhood teams, when tackling complex cases. We will consider preventative, supporting and enforcement action as appropriate, depending on the nature and risk level of the case.

During the last reporting period, ASB Officers working in the Community Safety Team, have been involved in dealing with cases and have acted as appropriate, including:

- Obtaining an injunction against a tenant and others, to stop serious antisocial behaviour occurring in the King's Hedges ward, with further court action for the breaches against the interim injunction that took place.
- Continuing to monitor ASB outside the shops on Carlton Terrace. Reports of ASB have dropped significantly since the CST has been involved. However, we continue to keep a close eye on the area and an application for Re-deployable CCTV is in place.
- Preventative work, such as warning letters, have been carried out to reduce ASB.
- Letter drops to encourage residents to report incidents have been carried out in the areas of Cockerell Road, Lavender Road and Maitland Avenue in response to reports received of ASB and nuisance behaviour.

The City Council is working with Cambridgeshire Police to run a Safer Streets initiative. The project runs from 1st October 2020 to 31st March 2021, targeting streets in some of the Arbury and West Chesterton wards. The aims of the project are to encourage and support residents, with improvements to their current home security, and to encourage the setting up of resident-led initiatives, such as Neighbourhood Watch or Residents' Associations. Households in identified streets will receive a letter explaining how residents can receive help and advice, and to get involved in their local community projects. The Community Safety Team will be supporting local events where residents can obtain advice and burglary reduction products, as well as discuss other issues, such as antisocial behaviour in the area.

4. Additional Information

At neighbourhood level, the [POLICE.UK](https://www.police.uk) website allows for swift access to local crime and anti-social behaviour data at street level. The website can display crimes on a map as well as in chart format, along with trend lines. The three most important sections within this website are: 'overview'; 'crime'; and 'view detailed statistics'. This gives a good overview of issues within the local area.

5. Recommendations

None are advised. We seek views from this committee on those local areas of concern that the police and partner agencies can work together to action and report on at the next reporting committee meeting.